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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions of the 128th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER..... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128th Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$75,000,000, will be used to modernize and improve the facilities and infrastructure of Maine's public universities. The bill also provides \$2,500,000 in debt service beginning in fiscal year 2018-19 to make critical information technology investments in wireless communications and classrooms across the University of Maine System.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-802)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, changes the title, reduces from \$75,000,000 to \$49,000,000 the funds provided to build Maine's workforce development capacity by the construction, reconstruction and remodeling of existing or new facilities and other infrastructure within the University of Maine System and adds a bond issue to provide funds in the amount of \$15,000,000, to be used to improve educational programs by upgrading facilities at all seven community colleges to provide Maine people with access to high-skill, low-cost technical and career education. The amendment also removes the appropriation to the University of Maine System, and it requires the University of Maine System to submit a report to the Legislature and Governor on the system's capital expenditure plan every two years.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 465 does the following.

Part A provides for a bond issue, in the amount of \$49,000,000, to be used for the construction, reconstruction and remodeling of existing or new facilities and other infrastructure within the University of Maine System, as approved by the Board of Trustees. The bonds must be matched by other public and private funds.

Part B provides for a bond issue, in the amount of \$15,000,000, to be used to improve educational programs by upgrading facilities at all seven community colleges.

Part C requires the University of Maine System to submit a report to the Legislature and Governor on the system's capital expenditure plan every two years.

The bond issue is subject to voter approval at a statewide election to be held in November, 2018.

LD 837

An Act To Provide Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Operations of State Government

Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was reported out of committee in the Second Regular Session and carried over from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This emergency bill proposes to provide supplemental appropriations and allocations necessary for the operation of State Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Committee Amendment "A" (H-751)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. This amendment establishes 103 positions in the office for family independence in the Department of Health and Human Services to handle increased workload due to the expansion of eligibility for MaineCare. The amendment also provides one-time funding for technology updates and testing for the department's Maine Integrated Health Management Solution website.

Senate Amendment "C" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-502)

This amendment does the following:

1. Establishes the MaineCare Expansion Fund within the Department of Health and Human Services to provide the funds estimated to be necessary for expanded coverage under the MaineCare program required by Initiated Bill 2017, chapter 1, "An Act To Enhance Access to Affordable Health Care";
2. Limits the use of the fund to funding needed for the implementation and continuation of expanded access to health care as required by Initiated Bill 2017, chapter 1;
3. Requires that funds in the fund lapse to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund if not expended by June 30, 2019;
4. Directs the State Controller to transfer \$31,159,210 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the fund no later than 10 days following the effective date of this legislation; and
5. Provides that the Governor, on or before June 30, 2019 and upon the written request of the Commissioner of Health and Human Services in consultation with the State Budget Officer, may transfer up to \$23,540,000 from the unallocated balance of the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the fund for the amount of medical costs of the MaineCare program that, as a result of expansion of the MaineCare program, will within the 15 days following the request exceed the sum of the total amount available in the Department of Health and Human Services, Medical Care - Payments to Providers program plus the total amount transferred from the General Fund.

LD 897	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage Efficient Biomass Thermal and Power Projects in Maine	Died On Adjournment
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used to construct steam piping from existing stand-alone biomass generators to adjacent manufacturing facilities, construct biomass combined heat and power generation boilers for sawmill manufacturing facilities and convert fossil fuel boilers in public buildings and commercial facilities to biomass boilers.